

Honorable Harley O. Staggers
Chairman, Committee on Interstate and
Foreign Commerce
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Thank you for your letter of October 20, 1970 requesting this
Agency's report and comments on H. R. 19649.

This Agency does not anticipate any problems with the proposed
legislation from an intelligence standpoint. ^{H.R. 19649} It does, however,
appear to duplicate responsibilities of the Director of Tele-
communications Policy as assigned by Executive Order 11566.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that they concur in
the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter of October 20, 1970, requesting the Department's report and comments on H. R. 19649 "To direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a comprehensive study and investigation of the allocation of frequencies for telecommunications for the purpose of formulating an allocation system to achieve the maximum use of the frequencies for such communications."

I am pleased to inform you that the Department foresees no difficulty with the proposed legislation from the standpoint of foreign policy interests. The Department notes, however, that H. R. 19649 may be in conflict with the President's Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1970 which established the Office of Telecommunications Policy. The Director of that Office, pursuant to Executive Order No. 11556, appears to be responsible for functions of the kind which H. R. 19649 would assign to the Secretary of Commerce.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that from the standpoint of the Administration's program there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

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